Mr. K. K. Kuruvilla: May I know how long it will take?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: That will depend upon the capacity of the candidates selected. Ordinarily it will not take more than three months.

Sahib Bahadur Abdul Tayeb Shaikh Kaderbhoy (*Commerce and Industries South*): May I know what will be the cost of producing one ream of paper?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: It has been estimated that the cost will not be more than Rs. 12 per ream. Out of Rs. 12 including cost of chemicals, Rs. 8 has been allotted for wages to the labourers.

Sahib Bahadur Abdul Tayeb Shaikh Kaderbhoy: May I know what will be the market price for it?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: About Rs. 24 per ream. The cost of one lb. is now Rs. 2½. So the cost of one ream will be between 20 and 25 rupees.

Sahib Bahadur Abdul Tayeb Shaikh Kaderbhoy: Will it be more than the controlled price?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: I am not quite aware of the controlled price now.

Mr. Kochikal P. Balakrishnan Tampi (*Karunagapalli, Kartikapally and Ambalapuzha cum Shertala*): May I know whether the Director of Industries, in consultation with the Director of Public Instruction, has done anything to start the manufacture of paper in some of the Vernacular Schools of the State?

Mr. E. I. Chacko: Yes, we shall consider that. We shall try to do something in collaboration with the Education Department.

President: It is being done in some schools.

Government Hospital, Neyyattinkara.

20. ***Mr. T. Krishna Pillai**: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have received representations and memorials from the public regarding the great hardship and difficulty that the people of Neyyattinkara are put to due to the absence of a maternity ward and pay ward in the Government Hospital, Neyyattinkara; and

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the action taken thereon?

Dr. S. John (*Ag. Surgeon-General*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The question is under consideration.

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Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know from the member whether he has received any representation from the public or any individual stating that they are prepared to contribute towards the expenses for the construction of a pay ward in the District Hospital, Neyyattinkara?

Dr. S. John: Yes, Sir.

Mr. T. Krishna Pillai: May I know whether the Government have any objection in seeing that these collections are made through the Tahsildar or other officer of the State rather than empowering non-official agencies to collect the fund?

President: It is a matter of policy and will depend upon local circumstances.

Inoculation against cholera.

21. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** (*Karunagapally, Kartikapalli and Ambalapuzha* cum *Shertala*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have trained extra hands to conduct the inoculation work to control the present outbreak of cholera in the State; and

(*b*) if so, what is their number according to their posting in each taluk?

Rajyasevaniratha Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai (*Director of Public Health*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) They are not distributed on any taluk-war basis but are detailed to work as itinerant squads, and shifted from place to place according to the exigencies of the epidemic situation in any particular locality.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan: With reference to answer to part (*b*) of the question, may I know the number of extra hands that have been appointed?

Rajyasevaniratha Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: About 150 people have been appointed for that special purpose.

Cholera.

22. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan**: Will the Government be pleased to state whether many of the attacks reported to be of cholera, are really attacks of cholera or cases of gastric diarrhoea?

Rajyasevaniratha Dr. M. K. Gopala Pillai: In the daily and weekly statements issued by the Public Health Department only cholera cases are included.

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